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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 79 Dempster Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 79 Dempster Avenue, Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 7:42 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-one (31) emergency response personnel responded to the call. Battalion Chief C. Wilkins was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 8:01 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.



It has been determined that the residence **did not have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$21,100.00 structure and \$6,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be electrical; the wiring on the heating unit malfunctioned in the hallway. Red Cross provided assistance for one adult and three children.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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